

In The Claims

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A soft, melt extruded polypropylene nonwoven fabric, said fabric comprising spunbond thermally bonded polypropylene filaments which thermally bonds individual ones of said filaments to each other and consolidates said fabric containing as a melt additive a blend of fatty acid amides in said polypropylene in an amount of at least 0.02%, said blend comprising stearamide and erucamide, where the amount of stearamide is greater than the amount of erucamide, where the bending resistance of the fabric is less than about 0.62 grams per gram of fabric.

Claim 2 (original) The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises 25 to 40 percent erucamide.

Claim 3 (original) The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises 60 to 75 percent stearamide.

Claim 4 (previously amended) The fabric of claim 1 used as a topsheet component in an absorbent article.

Claim 5 (previously amended) The fabric of claim 1 used as a skin-contacting component in a protective apparel article.

Claim 6 (original) The fabric of claim 1 where the blend comprises from about 2.0 to about 1.0 of the weight of the fabric.